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3	(By Delegates Lawrence, Manchin and Miley)
4	[By Request of the Secretary of State]
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6	Committee on the Judciary then Finance.]
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10	A BILL to repeal $\$3-2-24$ of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as
11	amended; and to amend and reenact $$3-2-5$, $$3-2-6$, $$3-2-7$,
12	$\S3-2-10$, $\S3-2-11$ and $\S3-2-18$ of said code, all relating to
13	online registration of voters.
14	Be it enacted by the Legislature of West Virginia:
15	That $$3-2-24$ of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended,$
16	be repealed; and that $§3-2-5$, $§3-2-6$, $§3-2-7$, $§3-2-10$, $§3-2-11$ and
17	$\S3-2-18$ of said code be amended and reenacted, all to read as
18	follows:
19	ARTICLE 2. REGISTRATION OF VOTERS.
20	§3-2-5. Forms for application for registration; information
21	required and requested; types of application forms;
22	notices.
23	(a) (1) All state forms for application for voter registration

- 1 shall be prescribed by the Secretary of State and shall conform 2 with the requirements of 42 U.S.C. §1973gg, et seq., the National 3 Voter Registration Act of 1993 and the requirements of the 4 provisions of this article. Separate application forms may be 5 prescribed for voter registration conducted by the clerk of the 6 county commission, registration by mail, registration in 7 conjunction with an application for motor vehicle driver's license 8 and registration at designated agencies. These forms may consist 9 of one or more parts, may be combined with other forms for use in 10 registration by designated agencies or in conjunction with driver 11 licensing and may be revised and reissued as required by the 12 Secretary of State to provide for the efficient administration of 13 voter registration.
- (2) Notwithstanding any provisions of subdivision (1) of this subsection to the contrary, the federal postcard application for voter registration issued pursuant to 42 U.S.C. §1973, et seq., the 17 Uniformed and Overseas Citizens Absentee Voting Act of 1986, and 18 the mail voter registration application form prescribed by the 19 Federal Election Commission pursuant to 42 U.S.C. §1973gg, et seq., 20 the National Voter Registration Act of 1993, shall be accepted as 21 a valid form of application for registration pursuant to the 22 provisions of this article.
- 23 (b) Each application form for registration shall include:
- 24 (1) A statement specifying the eligibility requirements for

- 1 registration and an attestation that the applicant meets each
- 2 eligibility requirement;
- 3 (2) Any specific notice or notices required for a specific
- 4 type or use of application by 42 U.S.C. §1973gg, et seq., the
- 5 National Voter Registration Act of 1993;
- 6 (3) A notice that a voter may be permitted to vote the
- 7 partisan primary election ballot of a political party only if the
- 8 voter has designated that political party on the application for
- 9 registration unless the political party has determined otherwise;
- 10 (4) The applicant's driver's license number or an
- 11 identification number issued by the Division of Motor Vehicles. If
- 12 the applicant does not have a driver's license or an identification
- 13 card issued by the Division of Motor Vehicles, then the last four
- 14 digits of the applicant's social security number; and
- 15 (5) Any other instructions or information essential to
- 16 complete the application process.
- 17 (c) Each application form shall require that the following be
- 18 provided by the applicant, under oath, and any application which
- 19 does not contain each of the following shall be considered
- 20 incomplete:
- 21 (1) The applicant's legal name, including the first name,
- 22 middle or maiden name, if any, and last name;
- 23 (2) The month, day and year of the applicant's birth;
- 24 (3) The applicant's residence address, including the number

1 and street or route and city and county of residence except:

- 2 (A) In the case of a person eligible to register under the 3 provisions of 42 U.S.C. §1973ff, et seq., the Uniformed and 4 Overseas Citizens Absentee Voting Act, the address at which he or 5 she last resided before leaving the United States or entering the 6 uniformed services, or if a dependent child of such a person, the 7 address at which his or her parent last resided; and
- 8 (B) In the case of a homeless person having no fixed residence 9 address who nevertheless resides and remains regularly within the 10 county, the address of a shelter, assistance center or family 11 member with whom he or she has regular contact or other specific 12 location approved by the clerk of the county commission for the 13 purposes of establishing a voting residence; and or
- (C) In the case of a participant in the Address

 15 Confidentiality Program administered by the Secretary of State in

 16 accordance with section one hundred three, article twenty-eight

 17 (a), chapter forty-eight of this code, the designated address

 18 assigned to the participant by the Secretary of State; and
- 19 (4) The applicant's signature, under penalty of perjury as
 20 provided in section thirty-six of this article, to the attestation
 21 of eligibility to register to vote and to the truth of the
 22 information given: <u>Provided</u>, That the clerk may accept the
 23 electronically-transmitted signature kept on file with another
 24 approved state database for any applicant who applies to register

- 1 to vote using an approved electronic voter registration system, in
- 2 accordance with procedures promulgated by the Secretary of State.
- 3 (d) The applicant shall be requested to provide the following
- 4 information, but no application shall be rejected for lack of this
- 5 information:
- 6 (1) An indication whether the application is for a new
- 7 registration, change of address, change of name or change of party
- 8 affiliation;
- 9 (2) The applicant's choice of political party affiliation, if
- 10 any, or an indication of no affiliation: Provided, That any
- 11 applicant who does not enter any choice of political party
- 12 affiliation shall be listed as having no party affiliation on the
- 13 voting record;
- 14 (3) The applicant's residence mailing address if different
- 15 than the residence street address;
- 16 (4) The last four digits of the applicant's social security
- 17 number;
- 18 (5) The applicant's telephone number;
- 19 (6) The applicant's e-mail address;
- (6) (7) The address at which the applicant was last registered
- 21 to vote, if any, for the purpose of canceling or transferring the
- 22 previous registration; and
- (7) (8) The applicant's gender.
- 24 (e) The Secretary of State shall prescribe the printing

- 1 specifications of each type of voter registration application and
- 2 the voter registration application portion of any form which is
- 3 part of a combined agency form.
- 4 (f) Application forms prescribed in this section may refer to
- 5 various public officials by title or official position, but in no
- 6 case may the actual name of any officeholder be printed on the
- 7 voter registration application or on any portion of a combined
- 8 application form.
- 9 (g) No later than July 1 of each odd-numbered year, the
- 10 Secretary of State shall submit the specifications of the voter
- 11 registration application by mail for statewide bidding for a
- 12 contract period beginning September 1 of each odd-numbered year
- 13 and continuing for two calendar years. The successful bidder shall
- 14 produce and supply the required mail voter registration forms at
- 15 the contract price to all purchasers of the form for the period of
- 16 the contract.

17 §3-2-6. Time of registration application before an election.

- 18 (a) Voter registration before an election shall close on the
- 19 twenty-first day before the election, or on the first day
- 20 thereafter which is not a Saturday, Sunday or legal holiday.
- 21 (b) An application for voter registration, transfer of
- 22 registration, change of name or change of political party
- 23 affiliation submitted by an eligible voter by the close of voter
- 24 registration shall be effective for any subsequent primary, general

1 or special election if the following conditions are met:

- 2 (1) The application contains the information required by 3 subsection (c), section five of this article: *Provided*, That 4 incomplete applications for registration containing information 5 which are submitted within the required time may be corrected 6 within four business days after the close of registration if the 7 applicant provides the required information; and
- 8 (2) The application is received by the appropriate clerk of 9 the county commission no later than the hour of the close of 10 registration or is otherwise submitted by the following deadlines:

 11 (A) If mailed, the application shall be addressed to the 12 appropriate clerk of the county commission and is postmarked by the 13 postal service no later than the date of the close of registration:
- 15 application shall be presumed to have been mailed no later than the 16 close of registration if it is received by the appropriate clerk of 17 the county commission no later than the third day following the

14 Provided, That if the postmark is missing or illegible, the

- 18 close of registration;
- 19 (B) If accepted by a designated agency or motor vehicle 20 licensing office, the application is received by that agency or 21 office no later than the close of registration;
- (C) If accepted through a registration outreach program, the application is received by the clerk, deputy clerk or registrar no later than the close of registration;

- 1 (D) If accepted through an approved electronic voter
- 2 registration system, the application is received by the clerk of
- 3 the county commission or other entity designated by the Secretary
- 4 of State no later than the close of business on the final day of
- 5 registration; and
- 6 (3) The verification notice by the provisions of section
- 7 sixteen of this article mailed to the voter at the residence
- 8 indicated on the application is not returned as undeliverable.
- 9 §3-2-7. Hours and days of registration in the office of the clerk
- of the county commission; in-person application for
- voter registration; identification required.
- 12 (a) The clerk of the county commission shall provide voter
- 13 registration services at all times when the office of the clerk is
- 14 open for regular business.
- 15 (b) Any eligible voter who desires to apply for voter
- 16 registration in person at the office of the clerk of the county
- 17 commission shall complete a voter registration application on the
- 18 prescribed form and shall sign the oath required on that
- 19 application in the presence of the clerk of the county commission
- 20 or his or her deputy: Provided, That an individual may apply for
- 21 voter registration using an approved electronic voter registration
- 22 system available at the office of the clerk in participating
- 23 localities. The system may electronically transfer the voter's

- 1 signature stored in the database of another state agency in
- 2 accordance with procedures promulgated by the Secretary of State.
- 3 The applicant shall present valid identification and proof of age,
- 4 except that the clerk may waive the proof of age requirement if the
- 5 applicant is clearly over the age of eighteen.
- 6 (c) The clerk shall attempt to establish whether the residence
- 7 address given is within the boundaries of an incorporated
- 8 municipality and, if so, make the proper entry required for
- 9 municipal residents to be properly identified for municipal voter
- 10 registration purposes.
- 11 (d) Upon receipt of the completed registration application,
- 12 the clerk shall either:
- 13 (1) Provide a notice of procedure for verification and notice
- 14 of disposition of the application and immediately begin the
- 15 verification process prescribed by the provisions of section
- 16 sixteen of this article; or
- 17 (2) Upon presentation of a current driver's license or
- 18 state-issued identification card containing the residence address
- 19 as it appears on the voter registration application, issue the
- 20 receipt of registration.
- 21 §3-2-10. Application for registration by mail.
- 22 (a) Any qualified person may apply to register, change,
- 23 transfer or correct his or her voter registration by mail.
- 24 Application shall be made on a prescribed form as provided by

1 section five of this article.

- 2 (b) To the extent possible, with funds allocated annually for 3 such purpose, the Secretary of State shall make state mail 4 registration forms available for distribution through governmental 5 and private entities and organized voter registration programs. The 6 Secretary of State shall make a record of all requests by entities 7 or organizations for two hundred or more forms with a description 8 of the dates and locations in which the proposed registration drive 9 is to be conducted. The Secretary of State shall also require the 10 entity or organization requesting the forms to provide contact 1 information on a form prescribed by the Secretary of State. The 12 Secretary of State may limit the distribution to a reasonable 13 amount per group.
- (c) The clerk of the county commission shall provide up to four mail registration forms to any resident of the county upon request. To the extent possible with funds allocated annually for the purpose, the clerk of the county commission shall make state mail registration forms available for distribution through organized voter registration programs within the county. The clerk of the county commission shall make a record of all requests by entities or organizations for ten or more forms with a description of the dates and locations in which the proposed registration drive is to be conducted. The clerk may limit the distribution to a reasonable amount per group.

- (d) The applicant shall provide all required information and, 2 only after completing the information, sign the prescribed 3 applicant's oath under penalty of perjury as provided in section 4 thirty-six of this article. No person may alter or add any entry or 5 make any mark which would alter any material information on the 6 voter registration application after the applicant has signed the 7 oath: *Provided*, That the clerk of the county commission may correct 8 any entry upon the request of the applicant provided the request is 9 properly documented and the correction is dated and initialed by 10 the clerk.
- (e) Completed applications shall be mailed or delivered to the clerk of the county commission of the county in which the voter resides. If a clerk receives a completed mail application form from a voter whose residence address is located in another county, the clerk shall forward that application within three days to the clerk of the county commission of the county of the applicant's residence.
- 18 (f) Upon receipt of the application for registration by the 19 appropriate clerk of the county commission, the clerk shall:
- 20 (1) Attempt to establish whether the residence address given 21 is within the boundaries of an incorporated municipality and, if 22 so, make the proper entry required for municipal residents to be 23 properly identified for municipal voter registration purposes; and
- 24 (2) Immediately begin the verification process required by the

- 1 provisions of section sixteen of this article.
- 2 (g) Any person who registers by mail pursuant to this section
- 3 and who has not previously voted in an election in the state shall
- 4 be required to present the following forms of identification to the
- 5 Secretary of State or clerk of the county commission:
- 6 (1) In the case of an individual who votes in person, a
- 7 current and valid photo identification; or a copy of a current
- 8 utility bill, bank statement, government check, paycheck or other
- 9 government document that shows the name and address of the voter;
- 10 (2) In the case of an individual who votes by mail, a copy of
- 11 a current and valid photo identification or a copy of a current
- 12 utility bill, bank statement, government check, paycheck or other
- 13 government document that shows the name and address of the voter,
- 14 submitted with the ballot.
- 15 (h) An individual who desires to vote in person or by mail,
- 16 but who does not meet the requirements of subsection (g) of this
- 17 section, may cast a provisional ballot.
- 18 (i) Subsection (g) of this section does not apply in the case
- 19 of a person:
- 20 (1) Who registers to vote by mail under 42 U.S.C. §1973gg-4,
- 21 et seq., and submits as part of his or her registration either a
- 22 copy of a current and valid photo identification or a copy of a
- 23 current utility bill, bank statement, government check, paycheck or
- 24 government document that shows the name and address of the voter;

- (A) Who registers to vote by mail under 42 U.S.C. 1 2 §1973qq-4, et seq., and submits with his or her registration either 3 a driver's license number or at least the last four digits of the 4 individual's social security number; and (B) with respect to whom 5 the Secretary of State or clerk of the county commission matches 6 the information submitted under paragraph (A) of this subdivision 7 with an existing state identification record bearing the same 8 number, name and date of birth as provided in the registration; or (3) Who is: (A) Entitled to vote by absentee ballot under 42 10 U.S.C. §1973ff-1, et seq., the Uniformed and Overseas Citizens 11 Absentee Voting Act; (B) provided the right to vote otherwise than 12 in person under 42 U.S.C. §1973ee-1(b)(2)(B)(ii); or 25 (iii), 13 section 3(b)(2)(B)(ii) of the Voting Accessibility for the Elderly 14 and Handicapped Act; (C) entitled to vote otherwise than in person 15 under any other federal law: Provided, That any person who has 16 applied for an absentee ballot pursuant to the provisions of 17 subdivision (1), subsection (b), section one, article three of this 18 chapter; paragraph (B), subdivision (2) of said subsection; 19 subdivision (3) of said subsection; or subsection (c) of said 20 section may not have his or her ballot in that election challenged 21 for failure to appear in person or for failure to present 22 identification.
- 23 (j) Any person who submits a state mail voter registration 24 application to the clerk of the county commission in the county in

- 1 which he or she is currently registered for the purpose of entering
 2 a change of address within the county, making a change of party
 3 affiliation or recording a change of legal name shall not be
 4 required to make his or her first vote in person or to present
- 5 identification or proof of age.
- (k) On and after July 1, 2006, any person who agrees to mail 7 or to deliver a signed voter registration application to the 8 Secretary of State or the clerk of the county commission and who 9 intentionally interferes with the applicant's effort to register 10 either by <u>altering or</u> destroying the application or by failing to 11 mail or to deliver the application in a timely manner is guilty of 12 a misdemeanor and, upon conviction thereof, shall be fined not more 13 than \$1,000, or confined in a jail for not more than one year, or 14 both. For purposes of this subsection, the mailing or delivery of 15 an application is timely if it is mailed or delivered within 16 fifteen days after the applicant signs the application or in 17 accordance with the provisions of article two, chapter three of 18 this code for processing before the closing of the registration 19 records for the pending election, whichever comes first.
- (1) On or after July 1, 2006, any person who intentionally 21 solicits multiple registrations from any one person or who 22 intentionally falsifies a registration application is guilty of a 23 misdemeanor and, upon conviction thereof, shall be fined not more 24 than \$1,000, or confined in jail for not more than one year, or

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2 (m) Any person who agrees to mail or to deliver a signed voter 3 registration application to the Secretary of State or to the clerk 4 of the county commission and who exerts improper influence on the 5 <u>choice of party affiliation</u> of an applicant or otherwise attempts 6 to improperly interfere with or intimidate an applicant relating to 7 that applicant's decision to register or not to register, is quilty 8 of a misdemeanor and, upon conviction thereof, shall be fined not 9 more than \$1,000 or confined in jail for not more than one year, or 10 both fined and confined. 11 (n) Any person who agrees to mail or to deliver a signed voter 12 registration application to the Secretary of State or to the clerk 13 of the county commission and who copies or causes to be copied, 14 manually or electronically, any information contained within the 15 registration document other than the name of the applicant and the

- 20 §3-2-11. Registration in conjunction with driver licensing.
- 21 (a) The Division of Motor Vehicles or any other division or 22 department that may be established by law to perform motor vehicle 23 driver licensing services shall provide each qualified registrant, 24 as an integral and simultaneous part of every process of

16 date of the applicants's signature is quilty of a misdemeanor and,

17 upon conviction thereof, shall be fined not more than \$1,000, or

18 confined in jail for not more than one year, or both fined and

1 application for the issuance, renewal or change of address of any 2 motor vehicle driver's license or official identification card, 3 pursuant to the provisions of article two, chapter seventeen-b of 4 this code, a voter registration application as prescribed in 5 section five of this article when the Division's regional offices 6 are open for regular business: Provided, That an individual may 7 apply for voter registration using an approved electronic voter 8 registration system if available at a Division of Motor Vehicles 9 regional office in participating localities. 10 (b) Notwithstanding any other provision of this code, the 11 Division of Motor Vehicles is required to release the personal 12 information of any applicant, including the electronic signature, 13 entered in its records for a driver's license or nonoperator's 14 identification purposes that is also required by the voter 15 registration laws to the West Virginia Secretary of State's Office 16 upon notice and written consent of the applicant. The notice and 17 consent shall be a required component of any online voter 18 registration application made available to the general public by 19 the West Virginia Secretary of State. The release of an 20 applicant's signature by the Division of Motor Vehicles to the 21 Office of the Secretary of State shall apply to any voter 22 registration application approved through an online voter 23 registration system promulgated by the Secretary of State, 24 regardless of the location of the online user and provided the user

1 grants written consent upon notice.

- (b) (c) Any person who fails to sign the voter registration application or who fails to return the voter registration application to a driver licensing facility or to an appropriate voter registration office shall be considered to have declined to register. Information regarding any person's failure to sign the voter registration application is confidential and may not be used for any purpose other than to determine voter registration.
- 9 (c) (d) Any qualified voter who submits the application for 10 registration pursuant to the provisions of subsection (a) of this 11 section in person at a driver licensing facility at the time of 12 applying for, obtaining, renewing or transferring his or her 13 driver's license or official identification card and who presents 14 identification and proof of age at that time shall not be required 15 to make his or her first vote in person or to again present 16 identification in order to make that registration valid.
- (d) (e) Any qualified voter who submits by mail or by delivery
 18 by a third party an application for registration on the form used
 19 in conjunction with driver licensing shall be required to make his
 20 or her first vote in person and present identification as required
 21 for other mail registration in accordance with the provisions of
 22 subsection (g), section ten of this article: Provided, That if the
 23 applicant has been previously registered in the jurisdiction and
 24 the application is for a change of address, change of name, change

- 1 of political party affiliation or other correction, the 2 presentation of identification and first vote in person is not 3 required.
- 4 (e) (f) Any application for voter registration submitted 5 pursuant to the provisions of this section shall be considered as 6 updating any previous voter registration by the applicant and shall 7 authorize the cancellation of registration in any other county or 8 state in which the applicant was previously registered.
- 9 (f) (g) Any change of address from one residence to another
 10 within the same county which is submitted for driver licensing or
 11 nonoperator's identification purposes in accordance with applicable
 12 law shall also serve as a notice of change of address for voter
 13 registration purposes if requested by the applicant after notice
 14 and written consent of the applicant. unless the individual
 15 indicates on the form that the change of address is not for voter
 16 registration purposes.
- (g) (h) Completed applications for voter registration or la change of address for voting purposes received by any office providing driver licensing services shall be forwarded to the Secretary of State within five days of receipt, unless other means are available for a more expedited transmission. The Secretary of State shall remove and file any forms which have not been signed by the applicant and shall forward completed, signed applications to the clerk of the appropriate county commission within five days of

- 1 receipt.
- 2 (h) (i) Voter registration application forms containing voter
- 3 information which are returned to a driver licensing office
- 4 unsigned shall be collected and maintained by the Division of Motor
- 5 Vehicles, submitted to the Secretary of State's Office, and
- 6 maintained by that office for two years according to procedural
- 7 rules promulgated the retention policy adopted by the Secretary of
- 8 State.
- 9 §3-2-18. Registration records; active, inactive, canceled, pending
- and rejected registration files; procedure; voting
- 11 records.
- 12 (a) For the purposes of this article:
- 13 (1) "Original voter registration record" means all records
- 14 submitted or entered in writing or electronically, where permitted
- 15 by law, for voter registration purposes, including:
- 16 (A) Any original application or notice submitted by any person
- 17 for registration or reinstatement, change of address, change of
- 18 name, change of party affiliation, correction of records,
- 19 cancellation, confirmation of voter information or other request or
- 20 notice for voter registration purposes; and
- 21 (B) Any original entry made on any voter's registration record
- 22 at the polling place, or made or received by the clerk of the
- 23 county commission relating to any voter's registration, such as
- 24 records of voting, presentation of identification and proof of age,

- 1 challenge of registration, notice of death or obituary notice,
- 2 notice of disqualifying conviction or ruling of mental incompetence
- 3 or other original document which may affect the status of any
- 4 person's voter registration.

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- 5 (2) "Active voter registration files" means the files of 6 registration records, whether maintained on paper forms or in 7 digitized data format, containing the names, addresses, birth dates 8 and other required information for all persons within a county who 9 are registered to vote and whose registration has not been 10 designated as "inactive" or "canceled" pursuant to the provisions
- (3) "Inactive voter registration files" means the files of registration records, whether maintained on paper forms or in digitized data format, containing the names, addresses, birth dates and other required information for all persons designated "inactive" pursuant to the provisions of section twenty-seven of this article following the return of the prescribed notices as undeliverable at the address entered on the voter registration or for failure of the contacted voter to return a completed notice of address confirmation within thirty days of the mailing. For the purposes of this chapter or of any other provisions of this code relating to elections conducted under the provisions of this chapter, whenever a requirement is based on the number of registered voters, including, but not limited to, the number of

- 1 ballots to be printed, the limitations on the size of a precinct,
- 2 or the number of petition signatures required for election
- 3 purposes, only those registrations included on the active voter
- 4 registration files shall be counted and voter registrations
- 5 included on the inactive voter registration files, as defined in
- 6 this subdivision, shall not be counted.
- 7 (4) "Canceled voter registration files" means the files
- 8 containing all required information for all persons who have been
- 9 removed from the active and inactive voter registration files and
- 10 who are no longer registered to vote within the county.
- 11 (5) "Pending application files" means the temporary files
- 12 containing all information submitted on a voter registration
- 13 application, pending the expiration of the verification period.
- 14 (6) "Rejected application files" means the files containing
- 15 all information submitted on a voter registration application which
- 16 was rejected for reasons as described in this article.
- 17 (7) "Confirmation pending files" means the files containing
- 18 all required information for persons who have been identified to be
- 19 <u>included in the next succeeding mailing</u> of address confirmation
- 20 notices as set forth by the "National Voter Registration Act of
- 21 1993."(42 USC 1973gg.)
- 22 (b) For the purposes of this chapter or of any other
- 23 provisions of this code relating to elections conducted under the
- 24 provisions of this chapter, whenever a requirement is based on the

- 1 number of registered voters, including, but not limited to, the
- 2 number of ballots to be printed, the limitations on the size of a
- 3 precinct, or the number of petition signatures required for
- 4 election purposes, only those registrations included on the active
- 5 voter registration files shall be counted and voter registrations
- 6 included on the inactive voter registration files, as defined in
- 7 this subdivision, shall not be counted.
- 8 (b) (c) Active voter registration files, confirmation pending
- 9 files and inactive voter registration files may be maintained in
- 10 the same physical location or database, providing the records are
- 11 coded, marked or arranged in such a way as to make the status of
- 12 the registration immediately obvious. Canceled voter registration
- 13 files, pending application files, and rejected application files
- 14 shall each be maintained in separate physical locations or
- 15 databases. However, all these records shall be maintained in the
- 16 <u>statewide centralized voter registration</u> database, subject to a
- 17 schedule of retention.
- 18 (c) (d) The effective date of any action affecting any voter's
- 19 registration status shall be entered on the voter record in the
- 20 appropriate file, including the effective date of registration,
- 21 change of name, address or party affiliation or correction of the
- 22 record, effective date of transfer to inactive status, return to
- 23 active status or cancellation. When any registration is designated
- 24 inactive or is canceled, the reason for the designation or

- 1 cancellation and any reference notation necessary to locate the
- 2 original documentation related to the change shall be entered on
- 3 the voter record.
- 4 (d) (e) Within one hundred twenty sixty days after each
- 5 primary, general, municipal or special election, the clerk of the
- 6 county commission shall as evidenced by the presence or absence of
- 7 signatures on the pollbooks for such election, correct any errors
- 8 or omissions on the voter registration records resulting from the
- 9 poll clerks erroneously checking or failing to check the
- 10 registration records as required by the provisions of section
- 11 thirty-four, article one of this chapter, or shall enter the voting
- 12 records into the state uniform data system if the precinct books
- 13 have been replaced with printed registration books as provided in
- 14 section twenty-one of this article.

NOTE: The purpose of this bill is to provide an electronic voter registration system allowing for greater utilization of the Statewide Voter Registration System (SVRS); allow for use of a designated address for voter registration purposes for participants in the Address Confidentiality Program; establish an offense and related penalty for tampering with or copying voter registration information collected by third-party registration drives; delete obsolete language related to manual voter registration systems; shorten the period of time during which county clerks may enter voter history data into the statewide, centralized voter registration database; clarify certain record-keeping requirements related to confirmation mailings required by the National Voter Registration Act of 1993; and restrict the public release of voter e-mail addresses.

Strike-throughs indicate language that would be stricken from

the present law, and underscoring indicates new language that would be added.